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Accomplishment of Sacred Task Lies in the Future

I Appeal to the Nation for Their Utmost Efforts, War Minister HATA says.

(KYOTO, Telephone) War Minister HATA left Tokyo by the "TSUBANE" train at 9 A.M. of the 31st, with a view to worship INEBI Imperial Mausoleum and KASUYARA Shrine and then to inspect the various Army units in OSAKA and HIROSHIMA. He talked in the train to the effect that he asks the people to increase their efforts for carrying out the constructive achievement of long duration in this very fourth year of the Incident that accidentally happens to fall on the 2600 year since the foundation of the State.

"I beg to express my heartfelt congratulations that at last the new Central Government became established in China yesterday, the 30th. I very earnestly hope that it will witness a sound development in the future and promote the general welfare of the whole nation at home as well as intensify its friendly relations with the foreign nations, so that it may really play the role of contributing to the stabilization of East Asia. This requires first of all that we should attempt to arrange and improve the internal structure so as to bring the Japanese Empire herself to a powerful position.

"Our national power is richly endowed with the real ability capable of the accomplishment of an unprecedented and phenomenal gigantic task and the establishment of the New Order in East Asia, while upholding this New Government in China. Moreover, if the Japanese Government should guide the nation along the proper direction, I firmly believe that our national power will make long strides. I am well aware that the distribution of some materials is not being smoothly carried out. However, it is needless to say that the present condition of our nation is such that it has plenty in reserve as compared with the restrictions of consumption that the people of the various belligerent Powers in Europe are being subjected to, needless to say of the material shortage in the CHUNGKING side.

In Europe, even the neutral nations are undergoing restriction of consumption to practically the same degree as the belligerent nations. I consider it most regrettable, therefore, to find some people making pessimistic utterances by erroneously attributing the lack of smoothness in distribution of some materials to the decrease of our national power. As such remarks are liable to unwittingly stimulate the enemy's fighting morale against Japan, I think the people should take profound caution in this respect.

"Our people must become deeply impressed of the fact that to tide over this historical great test which has been assigned to them, it will be most difficult to carry out the sacred task with an ordinary form and the very thought of trying to fully accomplish this colossal task on one hand by thinking, on the other hand, of "dressing oneself warmly and feeding oneself full" is inconsistency itself. The accomplishment of the sacred task rests solely upon the future. I think that, with this determination in mind, the entire Army, officialdom and people alike should gird themselves up still further and incorporate themselves firmly into one resolute body, and, by casting aside all egotistic ideas, charge ahead towards the grand object of the sacred war over an extended length of time.

"In order to do so I keenly feel first of all the need of all the Japanese people going back to the Japanese morals and of the spirit of service to the State becoming increasingly aroused among each individual. I believe that the aim of the Reservists Association in going to start up the Spirit Strengthening (Boosting) Movement is nothing but to accomplish this purpose; however, this movement is, needless to say, a purely spiritual movement and has no political significance whatsoever.

"I fully realize that the present colossal Army budget must be an extremely heavy burden for the nation, but this budget is primarily intended for the purpose to strengthen our armaments, the implementation of which is a matter absolutely indispensable in order that we may confront no cause to regret in an effort not only to arrive at a perfect settlement of the China Incident, as a matter of course, but also to carry out our national policy to appropriately meet the eventual developments, within and without, which our nation has to anticipate as one to face unescapably some time in future. For this reason I wish to cordially request all of our people to fully understand the real significance thereof and spare nothing in giving us their fullest possible assistance.

"It is 2,600 years since the foundation of the Empire. It must be said to be truly without reason that our whole nation is, at this significant moment, making all efforts to completely prosecute the Poly War for the most gigantic enterprise ever since the founding of our Empire. I think we should carry out the glorious mission allotted to the YAMATO Race by renewing our resolution at this juncture, by laying our firm belief in the promising future, dauntlessly overcoming the difficulties extending over a lengthy period and repleting our national power."

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